

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 4 and 5.

Attachment: Replacement sheets
 Annotated sheets

REMARKS

As the Examiner has apparently recognized, Figure 5 is a side view rather than a perspective view. The specification has therefore been corrected. Also, corrected drawings are being submitted for entry after approval of the Examiner. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings, objection under rule 1.71 and rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, can now be withdrawn.

Figure 5 shows top member 101, bottom member 102 and post 117. A corrected figure is submitted herewith on which designations the top surface 103 of top member 101, and the top (117a) of the post 117 have been added. It can readily be seen that the top of the post 117a is above the top surface 103 of top member. Since this is a side view and Figure 6 is a top view, it is apparent that cutting edges are at an angle to the central longitudinal axis, and how the members and post interact is apparent. While it is also apparent that the other side can have a similar post, claim 18 has been cancelled in order to moot the issue as to a second post.

With respect to the comments on page 6 of the Office Action, note that the pin is carried by the post and it is the lever 118 which pivots about the pin. It appears that what is designated as "portion 1" corresponds to the post and the post does not pivot about the pin.

A Figure 4 revised (also corrected to show 119a) as requested by the Examiner is submitted herewith.

The rejection of claims 1, 5-8 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Based on the text of the Office Action, it would appear that this rejection is based on the bumpers being "triangle shaped" but none of the claims have such a requirement. It is respectfully pointed out that Figures 4 and 5 clearly show each embodiment has a bumper 119.

Since no second post is shown in the drawings, Claim 18 has been cancelled to moot the drawing objection. No need for a separate dependent claim is seen to be needed in light of the apparent allowability of the independent claim. Claim 19 has been amended to the extent required as a consequence of this cancellation.

Withdrawn claims 2-4, 9, 10, and 13 have not been cancelled. Since these claims are dependent on claims in the elected group, it is respectfully submitted that they should be rejoined with the examined claims. Claim 13 is proposed to be dependent on claim 9 and it is respectfully submitted that this claim as amended should be joined to the examined claims.

Withdrawn claim 11 has been cancelled.

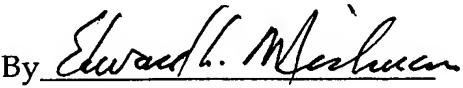
Withdrawn claim 14 has been cancelled and a new claim 21 which is dependent on examined claim 1 presented with the additional features which were previously in claim 14. The dependency of withdrawn claim 15 is proposed to be changed to 21. It is respectfully submitted that claims 21 and 15 should be joined with the examined claims.

All cancellations of the withdrawn claims have been made without prejudice to the right to file an appropriate continuing application directed thereto.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed.

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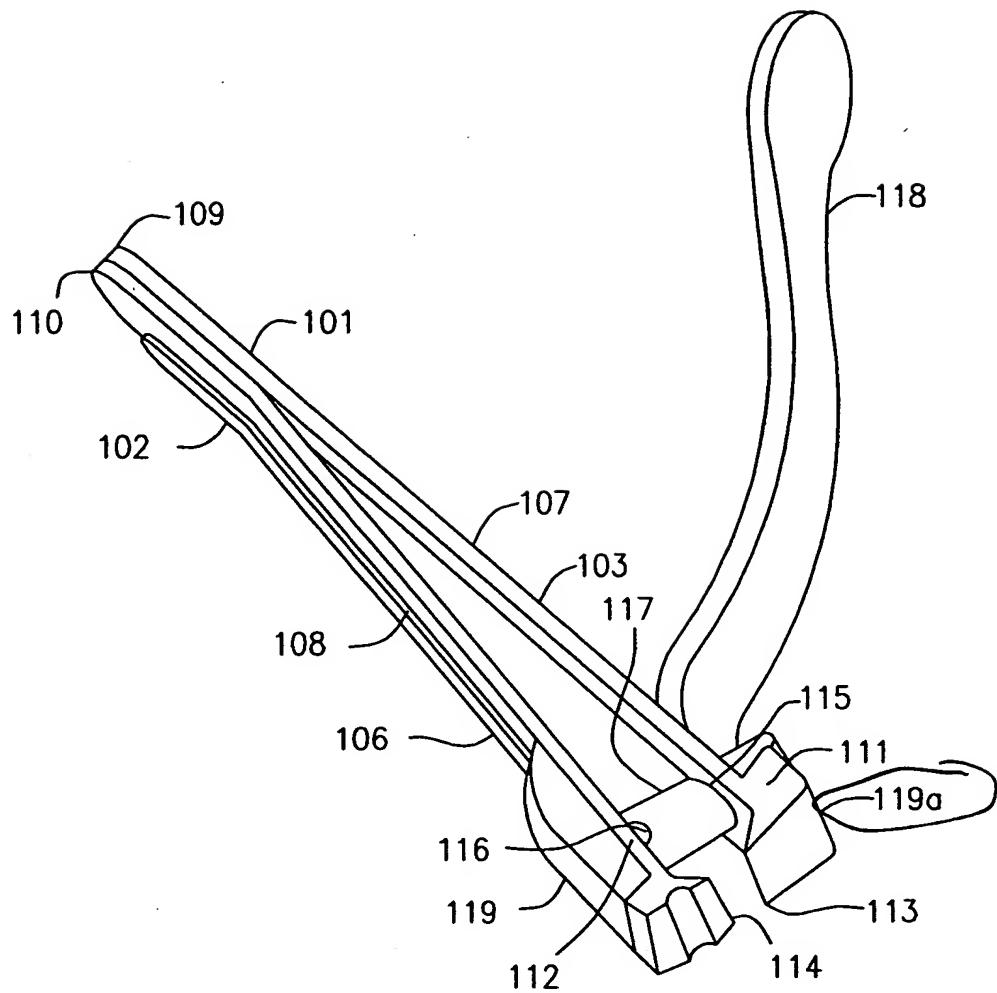


FIG. 4

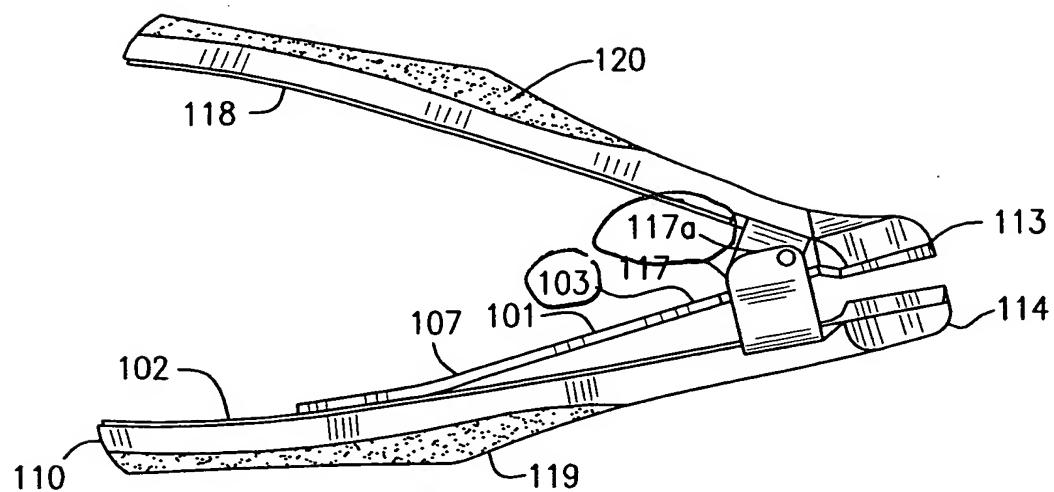


FIG. 5

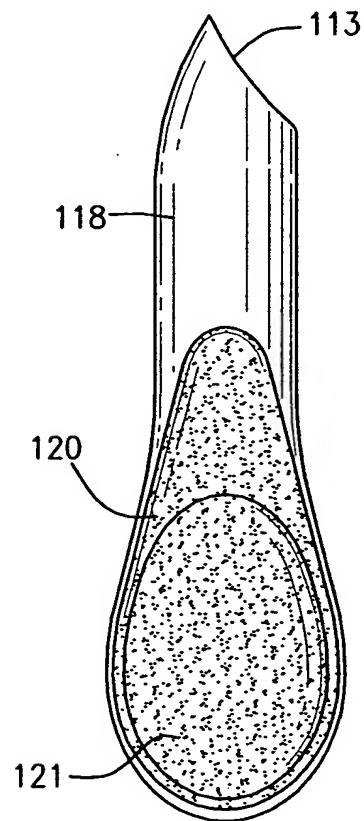


FIG. 6